Dear Jim, CA 75-226; Lane is fighting the Freed-Cohen branch for Jerry 3/25/77

I have been told of a by-phone nut-gathering on a New York radio station in which, after the New Times piece, there was a real hassle. Participants are said to have included Lane, Andon and Jeff Cohen. Lane in particular is said to have been almost inocherent in his shouting. What he said as reported to me is that he represents Jerry Ray, as a lawyer, and is suing over the article. Leave it to the Hon. Mark Lane. With a book to promote.

I hope Jim Tague does not call me again at midnight tonight, although I have been glad toget his calls. Only I miss the sleep now. He has called tonight and he has done some of what I asked and I think we can now have some nice affidavits to add to the record.

He has spoken to tom Dillard, who waxed profane over Shaneyfelt's representations that Dillard insisted there was no mark on that curbstone. He says he will have a good picture and give me an affidavit.

Tague is going to try to find Underwood and get a good print from his footage.

I had a long talk with Lonnie today. I havewritten Paul to see if he can locate the Walthers widow for me. Lonnie thinks that while they may not be in the best of shape Buddy had some records. He knows Alan Sweatt did but when he last heard Alan's son and heir was in the military in the Pacific.

Jim has also been in touch with Jim Kerr, whose sight is failing and who has turned off on the subject. After some of the crap he wrote for the scandal sheets he should have. Kerr is retired from WFAA-TV and is writing a book. If jim can locate him- and he has - Kerr can help me retrace some of this and I think he will. He spent a half day with me when I was with Alan Sweatt. He was with me when Sweatt told me that no FBI agent had interviewed him and that Specter had put him out of his own polygraph room when Ruby was polygraphed.

If this proceeds as now seems possible we will have a record that provides motive for the withholding of the results we seek. There is, of course, the alternative that knowing the answer is what the FBI did not want the FBI did not do that test. But I'm willing to take this time to give them the chance to state that in a ccirt record.

On the second call last night Jim was talking about me going there the 3rd. If I go I'd like it to be as soon as possible after the coming depositions so I can be free for other work.

I'd like your opinion on whether this would help, with Pratt and on appeal. I'm inclined to think it could be valuable for both, in giving Pratt something to live with and in informing the appeals court that rendered so fine a decision. It also is a first-rate addressing of the FBI when it expects secrecy and control over what can be known. In this, especially given the history of this case, I think it can be important for the Act. For this alone I'd be willing to take the time. I have never left Dallas empty-handed and I probably would not this time.

On discovery we got a xerox of the FBI's carbon of what Shaneyfelt, I think, wrote for Hoover's signature on the curbstone and what he claimed Dillard and Underwood said. This is also a Shaneyfelt exhibit in the 26. However, I'd like to take a couple of good, clear xeroxes with me for them and for Tague.

With a letter from Lonnie Carolyn Walthers might also talk. In any event, I should be able to come back with affidavits that do more than help in this suit. They's swear the FBI and Shabeyfelt in partocular lied. I'd ask Shaneyfelt when you depose him about this three-page letter and get him under oath on its content.

I like Lane having to fight with the crooks who crooked for him. I suspect I'll be getting more on this. It may also explain Jerry's long silence

Best,